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## File Management Software Donated To Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Data-Pool Systems Inc. of Danville has donated software to Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department that will allow groups of people -- in locations throughout the world -- to work on and share large files on the Internet. The equipment, valued at \$250,000, is called A Datapool ESP, a "hosted" Web service that supports large file transfer, up to 4 gigabytes. A gigabyte is the largest of all online computer measurement units.

"As we move rapidly into an educational and professional environment where speed and efficiency is essential in moving and organizing information, the Data-Pool gift will allow our students to learn the latest technology in a practical and 'hands-on' manner," said Harvey Levenson, head of the Graphic Communication Department at Cal Poly.

The software will be used in the Graphic Communication department's University Graphic Systems and by the Graphic Communication Institute at Cal Poly. UGS is a student-managed and student-run experiential printing and publishing company.

The GrCI is the department's entity for research, testing, product evaluations, consulting, seminars and workshops.

The software will also be used in various production management classes offered in the Graphic Communication program. "UGS will benefit greatly from this application," said Professor and UGS faculty advisor Ken Macro. "Not only will the students be able to tag and archive files, but they will also be able manage projects collaboratively on a global scale. We hope to engage in collaborative projects with other graphic programs around the world."

About Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department Founded in 1946, Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department has one of the largest programs of its kind in the United States. With over 33,000 square feet of laboratory space, Cal Poly continues to advance the educational offerings for students studying printing, electronic imaging, packaging, publishing, and cross-channel communications. The department houses some of the most modern laboratory facilities in graphic arts education and is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications. The department houses the Graphic Communication Institute at Cal Poly to conduct research, testing, product evaluations, seminars, workshops and conferences. As part of its 2006-2007 60th anniversary year, the department is holding a \$2.5-million development program to ensure that it continues serving the industry through highly qualified graduates. For more information on the department, go to [www.grc.calpoly.edu](http://www.grc.calpoly.edu); for more information on the institute, visit [www.grci.calpoly.edu](http://www.grci.calpoly.edu).

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